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RE: Docket No. OZ 45,497
IRGANG et al
For: Catalysts or carriers which consist essentially
of monoclinic zirconium dioxide
Priority Date: December 17, 1994 (Germany)
Application via Express Mail No. TB675440205

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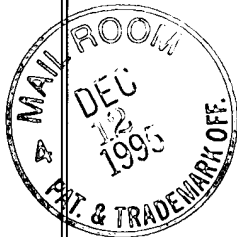
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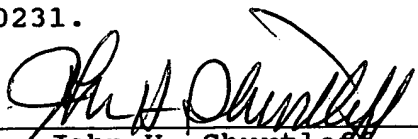
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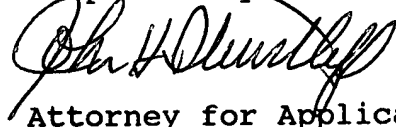
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